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Hammering it out...



Courtesy photo

An R.P. Richards electrician starts the installation of electrical wiring to a new home in the White Point housing area. The White Point housing project scheduled for completion in calendar year 1999.

AF restructures Space Based Infrared System

The Air Force announced Friday the termination of the two Space Based Infrared System Low demonstration programs — Flight Demonstration System and Low Altitude Demonstration System.

The Air Force took this action in order to strengthen its commitment to the SBIRS Low Program, to ensure the contract effort does not diverge from the desired track and to better use the available funding for a more robust SBIRS Low Program Definition Risk Reduction phase. These actions are consistent with the Air Force resolve to field an effective and affordable SBIRS Low component.

The terminations affect TRW, Inc., Space and Electronics Group in Redondo Beach, Calif.; Boeing North American, Inc., Satellite and Ground Control Systems in Seal Beach, Calif., and their contractors.

In other news for SBIRS, the president's budget request for fiscal 2000 reflects a two-year deferral of the SBIRS High Geosynchronous satellite first launch and the SBIRS Low first launch.

The Air Force delayed the High pro-

gram based on budget constraints and in consideration of overall operational requirements along with current and future availability of the Defense Support Program. The Low decision was driven by the realization of excessive risks in the fiscal 2004 program and technical challenges experienced to date on risk reduction efforts. The SBIRS Low Program Definition effort, leading to a fiscal 2006 first launch, is expected to get underway in the near future.

Two facets of the SBIRS High program, the highly elliptical orbit sensor deliveries and the ground consolidation of the Defense Support Program ground system, will remain on their current schedules.

This system, consisting of SBIRS High and SBIRS Low, will provide initial warning of a ballistic missile attack on the U.S. and its allies, support national and theater missile defense systems, collect technical intelligence and provide battlespace characterization information for the National Command Authority and theater commanders. (Information courtesy of Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs)

New Air Force instruction bans hemp seed, oil products

Capt. Jesse Arnstein
Space and Missile Systems
Center Staff Judge
Advocate Office

Protecting airmen from being falsely accused of marijuana use is one reason for recent changes to an instruction regarding hemp seeds and hemp seed oil products.

Effective immediately, products containing hemp seeds and hemp seed oil, often available at health food stores, are now off-limits for airmen of all ranks.

The interim change, 99-1 to Air Force Instruction 44-121, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program, bans Air Force members' ingestion of hemp seed products.

The rule was necessary be-

cause airmen are in the unique position of being subject to random drug testing on a regular basis.

"We don't want people testing positive and jeopardizing their careers because they consumed something they may have thought was good for them," said Lt. Gen. Charles H. Roadman II, the Air Force Surgeon General.

Urinalysis testing cannot distinguish between a positive test due to hemp oil ingestion and one due to the illegal use of marijuana. The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, along with several private research firms, conducted studies showing there is some level of tetrahydrocannabinol or THC in all hemp seed and hemp oil products and that ingestion of these products nearly always pro-

duces a positive urinalysis result.

Hemp seeds and hemp seed oil contain THC, the hallucinatory ingredient found in the marijuana plant. Products made with hemp seeds are sold and ingested legally in the United States.

The change to AFI 44-121 is punitive. Thus, a member who uses a hemp product will be subject to a full range of disciplinary actions, said Col. Scott Bagley, SMC Staff Judge Advocate. The member's commander determines what action is appropriate based on the circumstances of the individual case.

The change was prompted by recent court-martial proceedings where the accused raised the issue of innocent ingestion based on hemp seed oil use.

Though the levels of THC are

not necessarily significant enough to produce a psychoactive reaction in the body, it's high enough to produce positive results in urinalysis tests.

Staying away from hemp seed and hemp oil products should be easy, said Roadman. "The majority of airmen don't need to be concerned about unwittingly ingesting hemp products in foods and drinks because these products are generally marketed and sold in health food stores and bought for a specific health purpose."

Most hemp products are marketed as hemp products in order to utilize the perceived health benefits. Product names or product labels should indicate the presence of hemp or hemp oil. Individuals should use

common sense and take the precaution of checking the ingredients. If questions remain, individuals should discuss, in advance, their use of specific products with their health care provider at the local medical treatment facility.

The change to the AFI prohibiting hemp seed oil ingestion will ensure the continued effectiveness and fairness of the urinalysis testing program, as well as its role as an important tool in ensuring a fit and ready force.

The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology is currently working to develop a drug testing mechanism which will distinguish between smoking of marijuana and ingestion of hemp oil products. If this procedure is perfected, the law may change.

Fifty years of helping commanders maintain good order, discipline

Col. Scott Bagley
Space and Missile Systems Center's
Staff Judge Advocate Office

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Department. During its first 50 years, the Air Force JAG Department has seen its legal practice expanded considerably.

While judge advocates face new and different challenges in 1999, one function has not changed and remains the core responsibility — helping commanders maintain good order and discipline within the force. This is critical for an effective military organization. An undisciplined military isn't much more than an armed crowd incapable of performing at almost any level. On the other hand, arbitrary and capricious discipline does not foster the loyalty and spirit essential for an effective military organization.

Given this core responsibility, a significant milestone in the history of the Air Force JAG Department was the enactment of the Uniform Code of Military Justice in 1950. The UCMJ is much more than a mere list of criminal offenses applicable to military members. This landmark legislation, along with the publication of the Manual for Courts-Martial in 1951, was an attempt to perform a delicate balancing act — establishing a fair military justice system that provides for the treatment of the accused while preserving a military commander's tools of discipline necessary for good order and command.

During the last year or so, due partly to some highly publicized cases, the military justice system has been described by critics as outdated at best — totally unjust at worst. Indeed, many people alleged that "military justice" is a contradiction in terms. Most of the criticism, I submit, has come from individuals who know little about the facts of the highly publicized cases and who know almost nothing about the American military justice system. Our military justice system is the envy

of militaries around the world, and I believe it is as fair or fairer than its civilian counterpart. Consider the military justice system as compared to the federal civilian criminal system:

n Under the military system, a member is advised of his or her rights to a defense counsel as soon as he or she is suspected of an offense. A free defense counsel is provided. Under the civilian system, an individual is advised of rights to counsel only when actually in custody by law enforcement personnel. Defense counsel services are free only if an accused is indigent.

n A military member is notified by his or her commander of any charges leading to trial when the charges are preferred. In the civilian system, the accused is notified of such charges only in court following an indictment.

n Before a general court-martial is convened in the military, an Article 32 investigation is conducted to review the evidence. This proceeding is open to the public with the accused and defense counsel present. There is a right to cross-examine witnesses and a public record is made of the proceedings. Under the civilian grand jury system, the proceedings are secret with neither the defendant or defense counsel present. There is no right to cross examine witnesses and defense witnesses are normally not allowed.

n Accused military members can only be confined prior to trial following a hearing by an impartial military magistrate in accordance with strict criteria. Defendants in the federal criminal system are confined unless released on their own recognizance or by posting bail.

n All defense witness costs in a military trial are paid by the government. The member is given a free transcript of the trial. Federal civilian defendants, unless indigent, must pay the cost of defense witnesses and must pay for the trial transcript — usually \$3 to \$10 per page.

n A convicted military member's trial findings and

sentence are automatically reviewed by the commander who convened the court martial. Additional review is conducted by two separate appellate courts (one military, one civilian) in serious cases. The member is provided free appellate specialists during the entire appellate process. Under the federal civilian appellate process, there is no automatic appeal, except in death penalty cases, and there is normally only one appellate level review. The defendant must usually bear the cost of any appellate specialist representation.

n Under the military system, there exists a whole array of disciplinary options by which a commander may resolve a disciplinary infraction — from verbal counseling to a general court-martial. Under the civil system, offenses must be prosecuted either in federal district court as felonies or in federal magistrate's court as misdemeanors. There are no lesser options.

A commander's discretion and involvement in disciplinary actions is key to preserving discipline, loyalty, morale and military effectiveness. Any proposed changes to the system that would decrease this commander involvement should be looked at only with great caution.

The above comparison is not intended to criticize the federal criminal justice system. That system is also founded on American standards of due process and fairness. It is important, however, that as military members and American citizens, we understand how well the military justice system compares to its civilian counterpart in terms of fundamental fairness and rights accorded the accused.

We should take pride in our military justice system — even boast about it. For it is a system that promotes the speedy, even-handed discipline necessary to maintain an effective military force while protecting the fundamental legal rights of every military member. The system's first 50 years have been solid and its future should be just as firm.


Action Line 363-2255

The Action Line is your direct link to **Col. Dieter Barnes**, 61st Air Base Group commander.

The Action Line's purpose is to make Los Angeles Air Force base a better place to work, live and play. Of course the fastest way to resolve any problem is to ask the person who can actually fix it.

Below is a list of people who can do just that:

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Base IG	Lt. Col. Stephen Marchitelli	363-0802



Chaplain	Lt. Col. Michael J. DiRenzo	363-1956
Civil Engineering	Maj. Angela Alexander	363-0287
Commissary	Al Cherry	363-6140
Communications Sqd.	Lt. Col. Mark Hall	363-0798
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	Leonard Gonzales	363-1565
Family Support Center	Tom Sanders	363-5365
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Housing	Tech. Sgt. Belinda Hines	363-8340
Logistics	Capt. George T. Unsinger	363-0351
Medical	Lt. Col. Mark P. Wisniewski	363-5005
Mission Support	Maj. Doug A. Stiegler	363-1230

Security Forces	Maj. Larry D. Bartlett	363-0032
Services	Gary L. Van Dusen	363-0430
Social Actions	Capt. Lisa D. Day	363-2806
TRICARE		363-0261
24-hour Crime Stop		363-2124

Try the system first. Work with your supervisor, first sergeant or commander — they are there to help. If you are not satisfied with the response or are unable to resolve a problem, call the Action Line. Your call will be recorded and if you leave your name and phone number, you will receive an answer.

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Christians observe season of Lent

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael J. DiRenzo
Space and Missile Systems Center
Chaplain Office

Catholicism and many other Christian religions mark a season of penance in preparation for the feast of the Resurrection of Christ, also known as Easter.

There have been a number of modifications over the centuries regarding this season of penance, also known as Lent. Fasting, spiritual exercises and even the number of days that constitute Lent have all come into question.

Presently, Lent is 40 days long, lasting from Ash Wednesday to Easter. This year, Ash Wednesday is Feb. 17, and Easter is April 4.

Many people don't know the background and rituals associated with Lent and Ash Wednesday. To understand Ash Wednesday, look to the ancient people of the Old Testament, to whom ashes took on some very significant meanings. Those who wished to do penance wore sackcloth and sprinkled ashes on their heads. People saw in ashes their lowly state in contrast to the greatness of God. Ashes meant helplessness and a dependency on God who could do all things.

It was from these customs and ideas that many churches chose to use ashes to begin the penitential season of Lent.

In Catholic churches, ashes made from the burnt palms of Palm Sunday, are blessed and used to sign the foreheads of those gathered for the Ash Wednesday service. These ashes are a reminder to Catholics that they are mortal and all earthly things will pass away.

The ashes also serve to remind Catholics that they are to remove those things in their lives that turn them away from God and from each other. They are called to return to God, to be reconciled to God and to one another, especially family. They are challenged to forgive, to pray, to fast and give to the poor as the basis of spiritual renewal.

For the Catholic community, a Mass with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated in The Club's Daedalian Room Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. and at 7 p.m. in the Fort MacArthur chapel.

Catholics are also reminded Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of complete fasting for people, 18 to 59. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 and older.

Civil rights activist helps SMC celebrate Black History Month

The mother of the modern day civil rights movement, Rosa L. Parks will highlight Black History Week activities here Feb. 25.

Black History Week, "A Celebration of African-American Spirit and Diversity," is Feb. 22 through 26.

The Space and Missile System Center's Black Employment Program and the Aerospace Black Caucus are coordinating efforts and activities for all SMC and Aerospace personnel to attend.

Tickets for the Rosa Parks luncheon cost \$18 for club



Parks

members and \$20 for non-members.

There is limited seating, and in order to maximize the potential for employees to participate in this historic event, SMC and Aerospace personnel will only be allowed to purchase one ticket for their personal use. SMC and Aerospace employees can purchase tickets in the mall area of SMC or at Aerospace Building A1 Room 1082; from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Tickets for Aerospace employees are also available at the D8 Cafeteria.

Tickets will continue to be sold each work day at the same locations and times until all tickets are sold. Only cash is accepted. No photography will be allowed during the luncheon except by the official photographers and videographers. *(Information courtesy of Sallie M. Grubbs, Space and Missile Systems Center Contracting Directorate)*

Black History Week schedule

Please contact the individuals listed below for more information:

Date/Time	Activity	Point of contact
Feb. 22 — 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	R.H. Herndon Image Awards	Vickie Ndefo at 336-7888
Feb. 23 — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Vendor Day	Maxine Chandler at 363-1533 Joanne Austin at 336-6512
Feb. 24 — 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Gospel Music Celebration	Barbara Black-Kingsby at 336-6470
Feb. 25 — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Luncheon/Program with Rosa L. Parks	Sallie Grubbs at 363-3208 Barbara Black-Kingsby at 336-6470
Feb. 26 — 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Fashion Show	Christal Murray at 363-5580

Former commander, developer of GPS dies

1st Lt. John Sheets
Public Affairs Office

One of the Global Positioning System's founding fathers died Jan. 22.

Retired Lt. Gen. Thomas W. Morgan, 77, a former Space and Missile Systems Organization commander died of natural causes in Albuquerque, N.M. Morgan commanded SAMSO from Aug. 29, 1975 to April 28, 1978.

In addition to GPS, Morgan oversaw the creation



Morgan

and testing of ground control segment and user equipment and the first NAVSTAR launch Feb. 22, 1978.

Prior to 1975, Morgan was the director of engineering for the Titan III program in 1963. He later changed jobs and worked as the director for test operations in the planned Manned Orbiting Laboratory program.

In June 1971, he served as the vice commander, and in August 1975, he became SAMSO commander. While serving as the commander here, he led the Defense Department's Space and Missile Operations along the research and development path.

A memorial service was held Jan. 26 at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. The general was buried at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe, N.M. He is survived by his wife, Dolores L. Morgan.

News Briefs

Civilian pay increases in 1999

Civilians received a pay boost under Executive Order 13106, signed by President Clinton Dec. 7.

The adjustment for general schedule and senior officials' pay took effect the first pay period in January. It provides an across-the-board increase of 3.1 percent in the rates of basic pay.

Locality rate increases were also authorized in addition to the basic pay increase. For example, the Washington, D.C., area received a 3.68 percent increase and Dayton, Ohio, received a 3.57 percent increase. The 32 locality pay areas, including the rest of the

U.S. area, are the same as they were in 1998.

The locality rates can be viewed at www.opm.gov. *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News).*

Booster raises recruiter bonuses

WASHINGTON — Congress gave the Defense Department an additional \$113 million in October to boost 1999 recruiting and retention efforts.

"The U.S. armed forces are facing a very challenging recruiting time, perhaps the most challenging since the inception of the all-volunteer force in 1973," said Col. James R. Holaday, deputy director for accession policy

in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy.

Approximately \$54 million will go toward advertising, \$42 million to the services' enlistment bonus programs and \$17 million will supplement recruiter support activities. *(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)*

Correction

The headline of the front page story in the Jan. 29 issue of the *Astro News* should have read, "Information Assurance Awareness Month begins in February."

New center opens at Fort MacArthur

Carlen Capenos

61st Services Squadron Marketing Office

A new facility opens Feb. 19 at Fort MacArthur. The Services People Center, located in Building 425 at Fort MacArthur, opens with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4 p.m. followed by tours, refreshments and videos until 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The center will house three separate Services facilities, including the newly completed Youth Center School Age Program area located on the lower level behind the Shoppette. The center also opens the Community Center Annex, the renovated space located on the upper level next to the fitness center. Rounding out the facility is the fitness center and shoppette.

“After a tremendous effort by our folks and contractors, I am pleased that these new improvements are being realized,” said Col. Dieter Barnes, 61st Air Base Group commander. “This illustrates once again, that Services continues to provide a high level of quality of life functions for our military and family members.”

School Age Program

“The new School Age Facility is just beautiful, you have to come and see it,” said Pat Brown, the Youth Programs director. “The new area not only allows us to meet safety guidelines for the children, it now allows us to increase the number of children in the program. We are excited about providing more programs

for more children.”

The additional space downstairs, accommodates more children and will be used for the School Age Program for kids, 5 to 9. The Kid’s Connection program for children 9 to 12, continues to be held upstairs. The teens still have their own space in the Teen Center.

Community Center annex

A year ago, the majority of the second floor in Building 425 was a storage space. Today, it is an open area and community center annex. The area will house pool tables, a big screen TV, video games and social areas. Additionally programming will be offered in the future for families, singles and dormitory residents.

“We are so pleased to be afforded this space,” said Shenethia Carter, the community center director. “Its atmosphere is casual so we are gearing our events here to be louder and more exciting than the more formal ones that we do in the community center.”

Fitness Center

The fitness center continues to provide daily services for all military identification cardholders. The center offers Nautilus equipment, cardio-vascular equipment and free weights, and free aerobics classes are offered weekday evenings. Next door to Building 425 are two racquetball courts and a lighted basketball court. Tours of the gym are available upon request.

Shoppette

Though not a Services facility, the Shoppette is also located within Building 425. The Shoppette is open seven days a week.

Polar plunge...

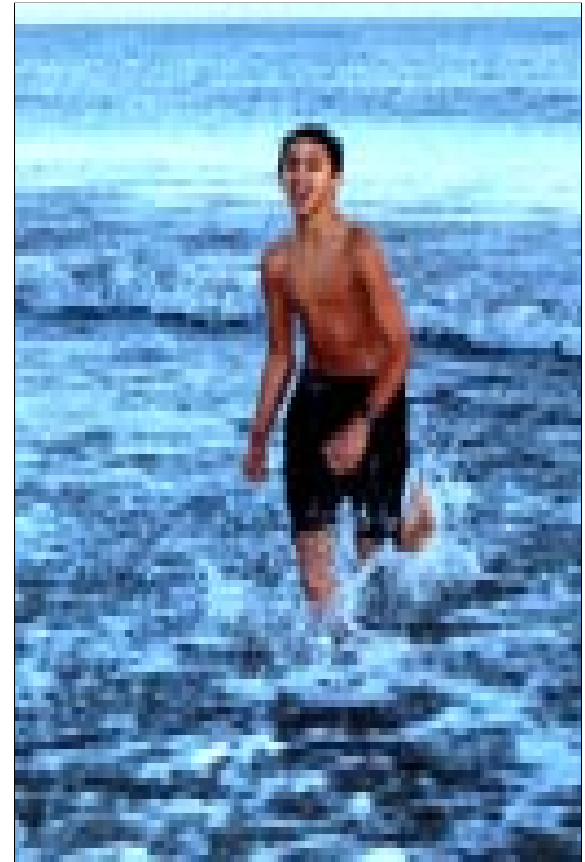


Photo by Staff Sgt. Greg Turnsek

Michael Hernandez makes a run for the shore during the 61st Air Base Group’s Services Division sponsored Polar Bear Plunge at Cabrillo Beach, Calif., Jan. 21.

Leading L.A.

Staff Sgt. Tony Gonzalez Jr.,

is the Space and Missile Systems Center's Financial Services Office noncommissioned officer in charge of customer support and disbursing office. Gonzalez ensures the accuracy of all documents pending disbursement, such as travel vouchers and military pay. He also provides accountability for cash, checks, and travelers checks to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in San Bernadino, Calif.

Gonzalez recently helped upgrade the Integrated Automated Travel System software in his office by working extra hours and weekends to meet base suspenses. The IATS helps the finance office process travel vouchers 30 percent quicker. As the base coordinator for the government travel card he helped lower the base's 17 percent delinquency rate under the commands level of nine percent. Gonzalez is currently pursuing an associates degree in computer science from the Community College of the Air Force and also volunteers time with the Redondo Beach, Calif., Republican Party to help register voters.



Gonzalez

1998 Space and Missile Systems Center's Senior Civilian Advisory Group awards

The following people are the Space and Missile Systems Center's Senior Civilian Advisory Group fourth quarter and annual award winners for 1998:

AX — Gracie A. Wantland, Mid-Level annual; Susan A. Bretherton Junior Level annual

CI — Patricia Mahoney, Mid-Level annual

CL — John R. Peterson, Mid-Level fourth quarter; Norma F. Jackson, Mid-Level annual; Linda Meza-Perez, Junior Level fourth quarter and annual; and Laverne Williams, Administrative Level annual

CW — Jimmie Thornton, Mid-Level fourth quarter and annual

CZ — Jackie J. Farley, Mid-Level annual; Donna M. Kimball, Mid-Level fourth quarter; Wanda Oden Meyers, Junior Level fourth quarter and annual; and Marla Jordan

Administrative Level fourth quarter

FM — Robert Wilson (matrixed to MC), Mid-Level annual; and Ariel Tonnu, Junior Level fourth quarter and annual

JA — Marie Burden, Junior Level annual; and Florentina R. Way, Junior Level fourth quarter

MC — Melissa Duong, Mid-Level annual; and Dorothy Mehta, Junior Level annual

MT — Michael J. Zellmer, Mid-Level fourth quarter; and Trina M. Scott Administrative Level annual

MV — Naomi DeJesa, Mid-Level annual; and Yolanda A. Spears, Junior Level fourth quarter and annual

PA — Aaron L. Renenger, Mid-Level annual; and Ronea L. Alger, Mid-Level fourth quarter

PK — Dennis A. Hass, Mid-Level annual; Jean Williams (matrixed to MT), Mid Level

fourth quarter; and Wendy L. Marshall Administrative Level fourth quarter

XR — David O. Best, Mid-Level fourth quarter and annual; Barbara A. Neal, Junior Level annual; David R. Toler, Junior Level fourth quarter; Nina M. Smith Administrative Level annual

61MSS — Dina Williams, Mid-Level annual; and Marlon O. Coronado Administrative Level annual

61ABG — Willie L. Gourley, Administrative Level fourth quarter

61MDS — Robert E. Donald, Junior Level annual; and Iliana Briseno Administrative Level fourth quarter and annual

61CS — Anthony Walker, Mid-Level annual; and David J. Wiggins Mid-Level fourth quarter

61SFS — Scott D. Kowalski, Junior Level fourth quarter

A panel of senior civilians nominated Della Hinesley and Pirooze Khebreh for career development reassignment positions. Applicants were evaluated on levels of experience, education, training, job performance and award history.

The Space and Missile Systems Center’s Social Actions Office won the 1999 Outstanding Installation Social Actions Program for Air Force Materiel Command.

CL annual award winners

The following people are the Space and Missile Systems Center’s Launch Programs Office 1998 annual awards winners:

Capt. Lisa Gievers, Senior Company Grade Officer of the Year; 2nd Lt. Brian Aichang, Junior CGO of the Year; Senior Master Sgt. Peter Fournier, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year; Senior Airman Raminah Hartke, Airman of the Year; Norma Jackson, Mid-Level Civilian of the Year; Linda Meza-Perez, Junior Level Civilian of the Year; Laverne Williams, Administrative Support Level Civilian of the Year; Matt Matias and Dave Bennett, Contract persons of the Year; Michael C.

Berker, Aerospace Member of the Year; and Titan Investigation Team was Team of the Year.

Services awards

The following are the 61st Air Base Group Services Division 1998 fourth quarter winners: Master Sgt. Stuart Gray, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter; Staff Sgt. Keith Vernon, Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter; Senior Airman Lisa Tate-Jones, Airman of the Quarter; Barbara Parish, Supervisor of the Quarter; Rene Chambers, Non-Supervisor of the Quarter; Accounting, Outstanding Section of the Quarter; and Sun Abend, Commander’s 110 percent Award.

The Services Division’s 1998 Annual Award Winners are: 1st Lt. Robert Benn, Officer of the Year; Master Sgt. Stuart Gray, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year; Tech. Sgt. Juan Gordovez, Junior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year; Senior Airman Randy Bernadino, Airman of the Year; Barbara Parish, Supervisor of the Year; Mary Procter, Non-Supervisor of the Year; Michelle Caraballo, Eagle of Excellence Award; Accounting, Outstanding Section; Myong Reilly, Commander’s 110 percent Award.

On the mark...



Photo by Airman 1st Class Chris McGiveney

Don Wang, ACE Engineering’s program manager for the base commissary’s parking lot renovations uses a raiser to measure the elevation of the lot for drainage and the asphalt finish. The commissary parking lot is due to be completed sometime in April.

Revealing Fort MacArthur's hidden past

Aaron Renenger
Public Affairs Office

For years, the concrete bunkers sat in relative obscurity, all-but-hidden among the swaying grasses of the San Pedro hillside overlooking Catalina Channel, Calif. Seemingly insignificant, they were dwarfed by the more obvious defensive positions nearby. But the six bunkers of White Point Park, which is now home to a Los Angeles Air Force Base military family housing project, once played a major role in the defense of the Los Angeles coast.

Beginning in 1920, until their decommissioning in 1943 and 1944, the structures, known as base end stations, were fire control points for three coastal-defense batteries located around the San Pedro area. As such, they are an important part of the history of Fort MacArthur and the Port of Los Angeles, said Milton Heyne, chairman of the Landmarks Committee of the San Pedro Bay Historical Society.

When active, each of the base end stations at White Point was linked to a specific gun that was part of either Battery Osgood-Farley, Battery Merriam-Leary or Battery Barlow-Saxton. The stations used triangulation to help accurately target hostile ships threatening the California coast.

Once an enemy craft was sighted, the base end stations used position finding equipment to locate the target, confirm its identification and determine its speed and direction. Personnel then phoned in the target information to a plotting room located at a specific gun. The plotting room then accurately predicted the position and aim and fired the guns accordingly.

Though built immediately after World War I, the base end stations were most widely used during World War II, when, in the wake of Pearl Harbor,



Courtesy photo

Contracted personnel excavate base end station Osgood-Farley prior to its relocation across to the White Point housing area hillside.



Photo courtesy of the Fort MacArthur Museum

Army Sgt. Jack Butts peers through one of the base end station position locating devices in 1941.

an attack on the West Coast of the United States seemed imminent. Early 1942 was an anxious time for Southern California residents and the military at Fort MacArthur with numerous submarine sightings and red alerts, according to the Fort Mac-

Arthur Museum.

Despite the perceived threat to the Port of Los Angeles and several submarine-launched torpedo attacks, none of the three gun batteries ever fired on a hostile ship. According to Heyne, that doesn't diminish the historical importance of the base end stations.

"The base end stations were an integral part of the L.A. Harbor defense system at a time when the question on Angelenos' minds was not 'if we are attacked, but when,'" Heyne said.

When the guns were decommissioned during World War II, the base end stations, which measure approximately 8-feet square and weigh about 20 tons, were abandoned and forgotten. Not until the Space and Missile Systems Center released its environmental assessment for the White Point

housing project in late 1996 did local historians discover the historical significance of the structures, said Heyne.

SMC Civil Engineering personnel were also surprised to learn about the history of the structures, according to Dan Park of the SMC Acquisition Civil Engineering Office.

"Our original environmental assessment had indicated that the base end stations were pillboxes used by infantrymen and were historically insignificant," Park said. "When we learned about the history of the structures we wanted to preserve some of them for future generations."

Today, four of the base end stations have been dismantled to make room for the new Air Force homes. Per agreement with the San Pedro Bay Historical Society, the Fort MacArthur Museum Association and the California State Historic Preservation Office, two of the bunkers will be preserved for posterity. One of the remaining bunkers will remain in its original location on the hillside. The fourth bunker was excavated Dec. 17 and relocated approximately 60 feet to the east, Park said.

SMC Annual Award winners

Editor's Note: The following information on each award winner was taken from their nomination package.

Senior Company Grade Officer of the Year: **Capt. Donald J. Cothorn**

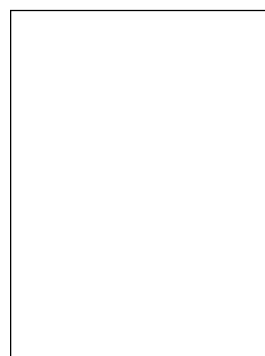
from the Space and Missile Systems Center's MILSATCOM Joint Program office, directed the development and execution of 22 courses for Milstar operations and maintenance providing training for more than 300 personnel in three major commands. Cothorn is regularly involved in the community, including church ministries and as a volunteer administrator for the Air Force Communications and Electronics Association Symposium.



Cothorn

Junior Company Grade Officer of the Year: **2nd Lt. Michelle R. Brunswick**

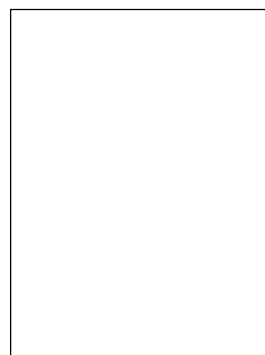
from the Satellite and Launch Control Systems Programs office, directed a 23-member team in the development of test and verification policy on a \$1.5 billion computer network supporting 500 users in two major commands. Brunswick's concern for others is clearly shown by her involvement in programs including the Air Force Cadet and Officer Mentor Action Program and the annual Camp Ronald McDonald Run for Good Times.



Brunswick

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year: **Master Sgt. Robin L. Williams**

from the 61st Medical Squadron, reestablished a federal employees working group consisting of representatives from several agencies resulting in a 200 percent improvement in occupational illness referrals in 1998. He also guided public health personnel in the research, acquisition and implementation of a food handler training program which ensured effective communication tailored to the Hispanic workforce. Williams was also nominated by the San Pedro American Youth Soccer Organization to be the Fort MacArthur liaison officer.



Williams

Noncommissioned Officer of the Year: **Tech. Sgt. Oren K. Lizana**

from the 61st Medical Squadron, managed more than 800 pharmacy line items while staying within a \$1 million annual budget. He oversaw expanded pharmacy hours and increased medication availability at Fort MacArthur's satellite clinic, decreasing patient's use of off-base pharmacies and saving more than \$250,000 for the clinic. Lizana served as assistant coach and player for the medical squadron's intramural basketball team, and helped raise \$3,000 at the Camp Ronald McDonald Run for Good Times.



Lizana

Airman of the Year: **Senior Airman Jeffrey W. Clapper**

from the 61st Communications Squadron, is the primary videographer for the Space and Missile Systems Center. Clapper was directly responsible for chronicling several key historical events including visits here by top Russian space program leaders and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan. As the vice president of the Base Enlisted Association, he was directly responsible for planning and coordinating the annual base children's Christmas party.



Clapper

Honor Guard Member of the Year: **Staff Sgt. Peter R. S. Carreon**

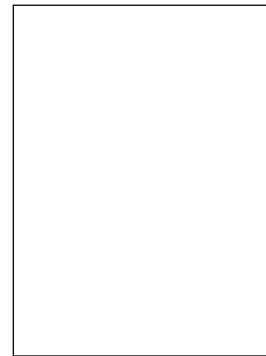
from the Space and Missile Systems Center's Advanced Systems Directorate, volunteered for more than 39 percent of the color guard events tasked to Los Angeles Air Force Base and assisted in 224 hours of presenting honors at military ceremonies. Because of his outstanding dedication and leadership, he was assigned as honor guard assistant noncommissioned officer in charge, responsible for training 44 members on all aspects of the honor guard. He was awarded Warrior Flight honor guard member of the quarter and base honor guard member for the first quarter, Jan. 1 to March 31, 1998.



Carreon

Mid-level Civilian of the Year: **Robert T. Wilson**

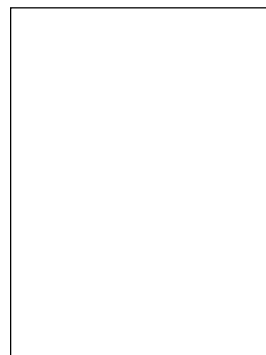
from the MILSATCOM Joint Program office, was directly responsible for the management and execution of the \$50 million MILSATCOM operating budget and the financial management of the \$2.9 billion Department of Defense Global Broadcast Service Program. He resolved funding problems saving the directorate \$5 million. Wilson's community involvement includes activity in the Tustin Police Ride-a-Long program and serving as an elected official of the American Society of Military Comptrollers.



Wilson

Junior-level Civilian of the Year: **Barbara A. Neal**

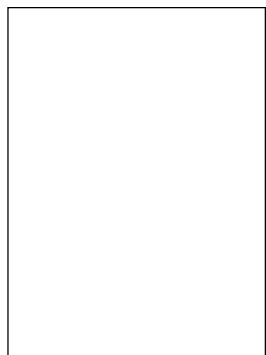
from the Space and Missile Systems Center's Developmental Planning Directorate, was instrumental in making numerous improvements to the personnel and administrative processes in the directorate, when the office lost four of its personnel. Her efforts of streamlining the workload of her office resulted in a 100-percent, on-time rate for performance reports and awards and decorations package submissions throughout the entire year. Neal donates time and money and helped collect 800 pounds of clothing to be distributed by a Los Angeles homeless outreach program.



Neal

Administrative Support-level Civilian of the Year: **Marlon O. Coronado**

from the 61st Mission Support Squadron, was responsible for identifying and correcting more than 100 discrepancies in personnel records maintained here. He also spearheaded a thorough audit of more than 1,400 personnel records eliminating the need for additional manning to complete the audit. As a volunteer, he teaches kids about alternatives to gangs by providing counseling and involvement in intramural sports.



Coronado

SMC Today

Got a good story? The staff of the video program, 'SMC Today', would love to hear about it. To submit story ideas for 'SMC Today', call Christina Whetsel at 363-0274.

Still Smoking?

Smoking tobacco is responsible for an estimated 419,000 deaths in the U.S. each year. The following are some facts about smoking:

- The nicotine in even one cigarette temporarily constricts the arteries, thereby increasing blood pressure. This can lead to sudden cardiac arrest.
- The carbon monoxide in one cigarette binds to the hemoglobin in the blood and robs the tissues of some of the life-giving oxygen it needs.
- Smoking speeds aging and all of the diseases associated with aging.
- On average, one third of all cancer and heart disease deaths are smoking related.
- Secondhand smoke causes approximately 3,000 lung cancer deaths each year. Smoking around children will increase the risk of them

developing allergies or respiratory disorders.

- It is predicted that unless things change, within 30 years tobacco will cause more premature deaths in developing countries than AIDS, tuberculosis and the complications of childbirth combined. By the year 2025, 10 million people worldwide will die every year from smoking-related diseases.

For more information about tobacco cessation or other health education classes, screenings or workshops, call the Health and Wellness Center at 363-6266 or the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345, ext. 100. *(Information provided by the health and wellness center and the Foundation Health Federal Services—Preventative Care Services)*

Study available to help quit smokeless tobacco

Maj. Roy C. Marlow
61st Medical Squadron

A free medical study to help people quit using smokeless tobacco is being offered in connection with the base medical clinic.

The Northwest Smokeless Tobacco Project study provides participants with free, cessation materials and guidance through the stages of quitting and remaining free from chewing tobacco use while at home. Registration deadline for the project is March 31.

The study evaluates the effectiveness of inexpensive methods for smokeless tobacco cessation.

The program offers a quitting rate that is 10 times that of natural quitting rates,

said Dr. Herb Severson, project director of the study and a researcher with the Oregon Research Institute. Based on early analysis, it is expected that 25 to 30 percent of participants will quit and that quitting rates for smokers and smokeless tobacco users will be nearly the same.

Participants will receive a 60-page step-by-step booklet that guides them through the quitting stages and a 19-minute video featuring testimonies from tobacco chewers who have successfully quit chewing.

Respondents are requested to complete several questionnaires before and after receiving the program.

For more information or to become a participant, call (800) 574-7111.

Astro 'Turf'

Change your body from flabitude to pumpitude in four easy steps...

1st Lt. John Napier
Public Affairs Office

It's February and my prediction has come true.

I predicted the number of people working out in the fitness center would decline after the excitement of sticking to their New Year's resolution faded. In January, people were coming to the gym in hordes, with good intentions, determined to lose those extra holiday pounds.

Now, I'm guessing the excitement has diminished. Probably because there were no visible, physical changes within the first week. Rome wasn't built in a day, and so, you too will not be built in a week.

With that in mind, here are some tips to keep your interest level high and keep you loyal to your New Year's resolution to get in shape.

Set realistic goals. Set goals that are attainable and that will get you enthused about your workout program. Remember, physical changes do not start appearing until after six to eight weeks of exercising. Although you are not ripping through your shirt like the Incredible Hulk during the first week, muscle strength and endurance are being improved. Give yourself some time, set realistic goals and eventually you'll see results.

Stick to your program and quit looking into the mirror so much. Chances are, the reason people work out in the first place is for vanity. They simply want to look good. There's nothing wrong with that, however, it may prove to be a distraction. If you exercise regularly, you won't get caught up in your reflection — you will get caught up in what your efforts are doing for your health and fitness. Sure, you need to check your progress, but don't consume yourself with constant mirror gazing.

Schedule time for a workout before your duty day ends. Life gets pretty chaotic after work and the last thing you need to worry about is going

to the gym, dealing with traffic, eating dinner and spending time with family and friends. Personally, I'd recommend working out early in the day so you can go home and watch "Judge Judy" and "Change of Heart."

The best times to workout are early morning and lunchtime. It just seems the earlier you get your workout out of the way, the better the rest of the day goes.

Schedule your workout at least three times a week for 45 to 60 minutes. Most experts recommend a workout that combines aerobic exercise with an endurance- and strength-building program.

Talk to your boss about allowing more time for your lunchtime workout. You'll need at least an hour and a half — that is if you plan on showering. And for the sake of your coworkers, please do!

Workout with a partner. People are more likely to show up at the gym if they're meeting somebody. If you intend on going alone, it's too easy to make excuses for not showing up. The other benefit of having a workout partner is that person can help you when you are pushing the maximum in repetition. Alone, I don't think you would want to push that last bench press over your head knowing that, at any minute, the bar may come crashing down on your cranium. Having your partner there to "spot" you adds a safety benefit as well as a fitness benefit.

There is no getting around the fact that working out is good for you. A report by the U.S. Surgeon General two years ago proclaimed that inactivity is as dangerous to a person's health as smoking a pack of cigarettes a day. That's pretty amazing. That information alone would make me stick to a fitness resolution.

Don't lose your enthusiasm if you made a resolution and are not satisfied with the results. Stick to it! You are not going to see results within the first few weeks. Have a little patience and make that fitness resolution come

Stealing the game away...



Photo by Airman 1st Class Chris McGivney

Alex Tucker, from the Supersonics team of the Youth Center Intramural Basketball league, streaks to the basket for a layup after stealing the ball from Sparks' player, Tane'a Benn, during a scrimmage at the Teen Center Feb. 2. The Supersonics won with a score of 39-26. The next scheduled games are Feb. 19 at 6 and 7 p.m. For more information about upcoming games, call the Youth Center at 363-8383.

Sports Shorts

The women's and men's varsity basketball teams are competing in the 24th Annual Silver State Basketball Classic today to Sunday at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.



ton; Staff Sgts. **Kevin Johnson, Daniel Davenport** and **James Suggs**; and Senior Airman **Jeremy Arel**.

The following individuals have been selected to the 1999 Los Angeles Air Force Base Intramural Basketball All-Star team to compete in the Air Force Materiel Command Intramural Basketball All-Star Championships Feb. 24 to March 2 at Eglin AFB, Fla.: Captains **Pat Sanders, Marcus Neal, George Gering** and **John Whisenant**; first lieutenants **Chris Loll** and **Vic Cleveland**; second lieutenant **Marc Ranger**; Master Sgt. **Ulysses Cot-**

There will be a MicroFit fitness evaluation demonstration at the Fitness Center today at 9 a.m. The demo is a joint program between the fitness center and the base health and wellness center. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Keith Vernon at 363-6815.

The Launch Programs office won the base intramural soccer championship by beating the Los Angeles Medical Evaluation and Processing Station 5-3. MEPS won lead team for the season.

The base’s Education Outreach program is looking for volunteers to tutor fourth and fifth grade students in math and English at White Point and Point Fermin elementary schools once a week for a half an hour between 3 and 4:30 p.m. White Point tutors start March 1 and end May 27. Point Fermin tutors begin April 5 and end June 19. Individual schedules (temporary duty assignments) may be arranged with the students. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Denise Heim at 363-0025.

The Security Forces Investigations Section has found the following items within the last 90 days: one box containing various glasses and coffee mugs, three sets of keys, one bracelet, one necklace, three watches, one bicycle, one box containing Christmas ornaments and stuffed animals and one thermos. For more information call Tech. Sgt. Roger Castleman at 363-5158.

The Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign is raising funds for the AF Village Indigent Widows’ Fund, the AF Aid Society, AF Enlisted Men’s Widows’ and Dependents’ Home Foundation and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation from Feb. 25 to March 31. For more information on the fund-raiser, contact your organization’s representative or call 2nd Lt. Dan Shingledecker at 363-5594.

The Los Angeles Air Force Base Officers’ Spouses’ Club is awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors. These scholarships are granted on the basis of academic performance and participation in extracurricular and community affairs during the student’s high school career. The judging is based on the submitted application supported by references and endorsements from teachers, counselors or others who have first hand knowledge of the student’s activities and performance.

Qualified applicants must return the completed forms to the Los Angeles Air Force Officers’ Spouses’ Club by March 1. For more information, please call Emma Terrell at 519-8704.

A certificate for 20 free hours of child care is available from the relocation staff at the Family Support Center in Building 219, Room 1907. Each child of military members, staff sergeants and below

or those with unique circumstances, or who are new or who are leaving on permanent change of station orders is eligible. Submit a copy of orders to the FSC within 30 days of a PCS move. For more information, please call the Family Support Center at 363-1121.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations provides anti-terrorism training to military members and their dependents departing permanent change of station or temporary duty overseas. This briefing is mandatory for military members. The briefing is given the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. in Building 243, Suite 106A. To schedule an appointment, please call 363-5892/1608.

The base Civilian Personnel Flight advises that supervisors and managers are required to establish projected leave schedules for their employees by Monday and to reverify them no later than Aug. 15.

The projected leave schedule for employees may change throughout the year, but it will provide management with tentative staff availability for planning purposes. For more information, please call Anthony J. Noriega at 363-5249.

The base’s Health and Wellness Center is looking for an artist to create its new logo by Feb. 28. The HAWC is looking for a logo unique to Los Angeles AFB and Team SMC. The logo should include titles of the HAWC, Los Angeles Air Force Base or “Team SMC” around or within the design. Computer generated designs are preferred for ease in reproduction. The winning design will be announced March 1. The winner will receive a free nylon running suit and a gift certificate for \$25. All other entries will receive a free T-shirt. For more information, please call 363-6266.

The base pharmacy will be closed for renovations today to Monday. Please make arrangements to pick-up medications and refills before these dates. Call the pharmacy at 363-2242 for more information.

The Space and Missile Systems Center Contracting Office’s Social Council is sponsoring a bus trip to Las Vegas, Nev., from April 16 to 18.

The trip costs \$85 per person in double occupancy or \$115 for a single room at the Union Plaza Hotel in downtown Las Vegas. The trip includes food and beverage enroute, two nights stay, a funbook and one free breakfast per person. A nonrefundable deposit, unless the trip is cancelled, for half of the trip cost is due by Tuesday. Total balance is due by March 16. Call Dormey Blankmann at 363-6382.

The Thunderbirds are scheduled to be at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., April 10 to 11; Nellis AFB, Nev., May. 8 and Nov. 19; Travis AFB, Calif., June 27; and Edwards AFB, Calif., Oct. 9 to 10. For more information, visit the Thunderbirds website at www.nellis.af.mil/thunderbirds.

A revision has been made to the base curfew policy by the installation commander. The new established curfew hours will be enforced seven days a week from 10 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.

The curfew policy is intended to provide a safer community and better protects children from becoming victims of crime or becoming involved in delinquent behavior. Consistent with the Los Angeles Municipal Code, the base curfew restricts minors, children under the age of 18, from being outdoors or in public places unless accompanied by an adult. Exceptions to the base curfew policy apply only when a minor is attending an event; or going to or returning directly home from an event, such as a youth program activity, movie, school dance, etc.; or involved with an emergency such as a fire, natural disaster or automobile accident.

Parents are still required to notify the base entry gate where the child will be entering during curfew hours. In the event parents fail to provide pre-notification of a child’s arrival time, a dependent or civilian misconduct report will be completed.

A new curfew policy letter is being distributed which will be followed-up with a base publication. For more information, call Marlynn Bonzoumet at 363-0813.

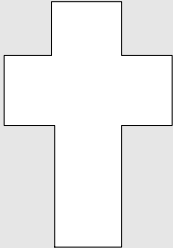
The Air Force Manpower and Quality Function is seeking qualified enlisted personnel to retrain into its career field. Anyone in a balanced or overage Air Force Specialty Code, in grades E-5 through E-7, are eligible. For more information call, Staff Sgt. Patrick Britton at 363-5374.

Chapel Schedule

Roman Catholic
Saturday: Sacrament of Reconciliation at 3:45 p.m., Mass at 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: Mass at 9 a.m., CCD in Building 37 at 10:30 a.m.

Protestant
Sunday: Sunday School at 9 a.m., Building 37; General Protestant worship at 10:30 a.m.

All the above services are at the Fort MacArthur Chapel. Call the Chaplain Service division office at 363-1956 for more information.



The Club 363-2230

Cherry Pie Day is Feb. 22 at The Club. All members can purchase a piece of pie for a \$1.

The Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich is the February's Member's Only special and is \$3.75. This sandwich has thin sliced beef on a toasted roll topped with grilled onions, peppers and cheese and comes with a side order of French fries.

Fresh pizzas can be ordered

from The Club. Call to place orders between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Club sells tickets to local area attractions for discounted prices. Tickets are sold at the cashier's cage weekdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

The Club can cater promotion parties, retirements, weddings and other celebrations. The Club can accommodate 25 to 200 guests. Call The Club for more information.

The Barber Shop in Area A is located in Building 120. It is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Club cards are accepted for payment. For more information, call 363-1733.

Vet Clinic 363-8269

The veterinarian is scheduled to be at the Fort MacArthur Veterinarian Clinic Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 363-8269 to schedule an appointment. Please leave a message on days the clinic is closed. State your name, phone number, animal name and species as well as what kind of appointment is needed. The clinic will call you back with an appointment date and time.

The Vet Clinic is open every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for identification cardholders to purchase retail products and to schedule appointments for when the vet is available. Retail products for sale include: Heartguard Plus, Program, Advantage, Frontline, Ovitrol Plus Flea and Tick Dip, Ovitrol Plus

Flea Spray, medicated shampoo, ear cleaning solutions, hair ball remedy and nail trimmers.

Youth Services 363-8383

The youth basketball league has games Feb. 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call the youth center to find out which teams are playing. The snack bar will also be open for all games.

The Teen Center will host a "Video Night" Feb. 26 from 8 to 10 p.m. and is free to members and \$3 for nonmembers.

The next "Give Parents a Break" session is Thursday from 1 to 6 p.m. at the youth center. The event is free for children of active duty military and civilians. Reservations should be made no later than Thursday. Contact your commander, first sergeant, family support center or chaplain for a form. All children must meet enrollment guidelines.

The Valentine's Day Dance for kids 9 to 14 is at Camp Pendleton today. The cost is \$4

for members and \$7 for nonmembers. The bus leaves the youth center at 5:30 p.m. and returns at approximately midnight. The mandatory dress code is Sunday attire. Parental permission slips are required.

The youth center hosts a create a kite day Wednesday. All members will make a kite to take home. This event is free for members.

The youth center is collecting loose pennies, along with any other loose change Thursday to be donated to a homeless shelter.

The Kid's Connection celebrates Chinese New Year by making egg rolls Feb. 22, starting at 4 p.m. This free event is open to all Kid's Connection members.

A Parent's Night Out is at the youth center Feb. 26 from 7 to 10 p.m. This event is open to kids, 5 to 12. The cost is \$7 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. There will be a treasure hunt and panning for gold.

Child Development Center 363-8335/8334

The Fort MacArthur Child Development Center celebrates "Cultural Diversity" during the month of February. The CDC will share cultures and customs from around the world. Parents are invited to schedule time to share their culture with books, pictures, dances, music and musical instruments, games and videos from their country. Residents from the local community will also join the celebration by sharing their cultures.

The next Parent Advisory Board meeting is Wednesday from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Fort MacArthur Child Development Center. All parents and prospective parents of children attending the center are invited.

The Parent Advisory Board needs a parent volunteer to chair or co-chair the Fort MacArthur Child Development Center Board. The board meets every third Tuesday of the month from 5 to 6 p.m. The PAB is also soliciting help from parents to participate monthly in the board's planning process and to volunteer for the upcoming activities.

The Fort MacArthur Child Development Center's staff is soliciting comments from members' parents on how well the CDC staff is doing their jobs. Comment cards are located

at the front desk or call Delores Lowe, the CDC director at 363-8334. Inputs will help the CDC's goal to provide the best quality care to the children in our program.



Family Child Care 363-8334

The Air Force provides free child development training for people interested in becoming a family child care provider. Licensing classes for new providers, and relicensing classes are conducted on a quarterly basis. An open house is Feb. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. The next orientation classes are Feb. 22, 23. For more information, contact the family child care coordinator at 363-8335.

The Community Center 363-8225

The community center is taking a trip to see the taping of "Jeopardy" Feb. 24. The trip departs the center at 1:30 p.m. and returns at approximately 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person and is open to all identification cardholders and their guests. Please sign up by Feb. 22.

The following is a list of upcoming monthly events at the Community Center: March — A Price is Right trip, hockey game trip and craft class making decorative candles in a jar; April — A Getty Center trip,

taping, family talent show, Easter brunch, craft class in making Mother's Day corsages and a trip to the Los Angeles Museum; May — A performing arts trip, taping, a craft class in making a birdhouse key holder or planter, Mother's Day brunch and family bingo; and June — A baseball game, taping, Tijuana trip and craft class in making photo albums.

The community center is taking a trip to Las Vegas Feb. 20 to 21. The trip departs the community center Feb. 20 at 7 a.m. and returns Feb. 21 at approximately 6 p.m. The cost is \$41 per person and includes transportation and hotel room. The group will be staying at The Roadway Inn, located next to The MGM Grand. The price is based on double occupancy. The trip is for all military identification card holders and their guests, 18 and older.

Equipment Rental 363-2190

The base operates a family campground with 14 hardstand units with hookups for water and electricity. It is open year round and reservations are accepted. The camp is located two miles south of the base between Marine and Rosecrans Avenues on Aviation Boulevard. The cost is \$8 per day. Call to make a reservation.

The Equipment Rental Office offers the following February special rentals: Winter Pack which includes

a sled, toboggan and two saucers for \$12; a sled for \$4; a saucer for \$3; and a toboggan for \$5.

Tickets & Information 363-2190

The Tickets and Information office has vouchers for lift tickets and skiing lessons for several ski and snowboard areas in California and Nevada. Some ski resort areas have other

options as well, such as cross-country skiing, sledding, inner-tubing and skateboarding areas. All resorts have rental equipment available. Please call the resort or the Tickets and Information Office for more information.

Auto Skills Center 363-1705

The Auto Skills Center's special for February is \$10 off an engine tune up. Call the Auto Skills Center at 363-1705 to schedule an appointment.

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Numbers and hours of operation		
Base Exchange	640-0129	Mon to Sat 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Commissary	363-2767	Tue to Sat 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Shoppette	832-9611	Sun to Mon 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tue to Sat 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Class Six	322-7533	Tue to Sat 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Gas Station	615-0295	Mon to Fri 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sat 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Youth Services	363-8383	Mon to Fri 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pool		Closed; will reopen Memorial Day
Teen Center	363-8381	Tue to Thu 3 to 10 p.m. Fri to Sat 3 to 11 p.m.
CDC (Fort MacArthur) ..	363-8335	Mon to Fri 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
CDC (LAAFB)	363-1792	6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays
Equipment Rental	363-2081	Mon to Fri 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Auto Skills Center	363-1705	Tue to Thu 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fri to Sat 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Community Center	363-8225	Mon to Fri 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Fitness Center (LAAFB)	363-6815	Mon to Fri 5 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Sat and Sun 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Fitness Center	363-8361	Mon to Fri 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.
(Fort MacArthur)		Sat and Sun 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tickets and Tours	363-2190	Mon to Fri 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Fort MacArthur Inn	363-8296	Mon to Fri 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sat and Sun 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Library	363-8265	Tue 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wed 3 to 7 p.m.
The Club	363-2230	Mon to Fri: Breakfast 6:30 to 9:30 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; snacks 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; bar Fri 4 p.m. to 12 a.m.; office 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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